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TITLE OF INVENTION: TREAT RETAINING PET TOY TREATS THEREFOR

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Sir:

The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. The Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons of patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

Respectfully submitted,

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